

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-15 (Withdrawn)

Claim ~~16~~¹ (Currently Amended) A technical mixture of hydroxy fatty acid esters which are solid at room temperature and have improved melting behavior, prepared ~~in accordance with the process of claim 1~~ by reacting, in the presence of an enzyme, alcohols having the formula $HO-(CH_2-CH_2-O)_xH$, wherein x is from 1 to 3 and a fatty acid component selected from hydroxy fatty acids, hydroxy fatty acid alkyl esters and combinations thereof.

Claim 17 (Withdrawn)